means the Central Civil Servants (other than those employed on adhoc, casual, or work-charged or contract basis) who are permanent or, if temporary, have rendered not less than five years' regular continuous service. A Government employee declared surplus under the scheme remains in service till his normal superannuation.

(b) Yes, Sir. A surplus employee irrespective of the period of service left for retirement is taken on surplus rolls on his fulfilling of the conditions laid down under the rules.

(c) As stated in answer to Part (a) and Part (b) of the question, there are no provisions in the extant rules, which are against the interest of surplus employees and as such question of any amendment thereto does not arise.

Computer Training Centres

2850. SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a mushrooming growth in computer training centres without adequate facilities in different parts of the country;

(b) if so, the facts thereof;

(c) whether any action is being contemplated against such institutions;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) to (e). While there is no restriction on opening of Computer Training Centres in the non formal sector and a number of such centres have been set up, the Government of India has launched a scheme known as Department of Electronics Accreditation of Computer Courses (DOEACC), in order to bring standardisation and improvement in the quality of computer education in the country in the non-formal sector. Institutions/ organisations in the non-formal sector (both private as well as public) meeting certain well-defined norms and criteria, in terms of faculty, software and hardware are given Accreditation under this scheme. The Scheme has been taken up after a detailed study by the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) and the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), which is a statutory body to recognise technical education. There are four levels of courses offered under the scheme viz. 'O' (Foundation), 'A' (Advanced Diploma), 'B' (Graduate) and 'C' (Post-Graduate). Computer training institutes under the DOEACC Scheme are monitored periodically and appropriate actions are taken if they fail to meet the performance criteria as defined in the Scheme.

[Translation]

Gobar Gas Plants

2851. SHRI RAJENDRA AGNIHOTRI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the total amount spent for promoting the use of Gobar Gas Plants in the country during the last three years;

(b) the number of Gobar Gas Plants set up and the amount spent thereon State-wise; and

(c) the number of Gobar Gas Plants proposed to be set up during this year and the funds allocated for the same, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) A total amount of Rs. 213.38 crores has been released to State Governments and implementing agencies for setting up of family, community and institutional biogas (gobar gas) plants in the country during the last three years, i.e. 1993-94 to 1995-96.

(b) The information is given in the attached Statement-I.

(c) Targets allocated for setting up of biogas plants to different States for 1996-97 and funds released so far are indicated in the attached Statement-II.

STATEMENT-I

State-wise Number of Biogas Plants set up and funds Released during last Three Years, i.e. 1993-94 to 1995-96

State/Union Territory/Agency	Number of Plants set up		Funds Released (Rs. in Crores)
	Family Type	Community/ Institutional	
1	2	3	4
Andhra Pradesh	71,944	21	19.40
Arunachal Pradesh	157	-	0.01
Assam	5,703	-	1.21
Bihar	15,580	6	0.69
Goa	305	18	0.05
Gujarat	89,944	26	27.83
Haryana	6,118	3	1.63
Himachal Pradesh	6,115	-	2.36
Jammu & Kashmir	280	-	0.03
Karnataka	86,191	20	22.82

1	2	3	4
Kerala	10,489	3	2.32
Madhya Pradesh	57,106	21	13.09
Maharashtra	68,485	109	27.72
Manipur	337	-	0.07
Meghalaya	100	-	0.05
Mizoram	300	-	0.19
Nagaland	302	-	0.19
Orissa	37,330	-	12.44
Punjab	10,739	151	3.93
Rajasthan	13,789	10	3.99
Sikkim	578	-	0.12
Tamil Nadu	29,083	64	7.32
Tripura	187	-	0.04
Uttar Pradesh	49,076	328	12.43
West Bengal	36,117	10	7.27
Andaman and Nicobar	10	-	-
Chandigarh	15	-	0.01
Dadra and Nagar Haveli	8	-	-
Delhi	37	13	0.43
Pondicherry	17	-	0.01
KVIC and others	*	*	45.73
Total	5,96,442	803	213.38

* Biogas plants installed in different States/U Ts by Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) and other agencies have been included in the figures for respective States/U.Ts

STATEMENT-II

State-wise Targets and Funds Released so far for Setting up Family Type and Community and Institutional Biogas Plants during 1996-97

State/Union Territory/Agency	Number of Plants set up		Funds Released (Rs. in Crores)
	Family Type	Community/ Institutional	
1	2	3	4
Andhra Pradesh	16,000	1	2.24
Arunachal Pradesh	40	-	*
Assam	1,000	1	0.18
Bihar	2,815	-	*
Gujarat	19,000	5	5.13
Goa	70	-	0.01
Haryana	1,700	4	0.17
Himachal Pradesh	1,200	1	*
Jammu and Kashmir	50	-	*
Karnataka	18,000	10	1.92
Kerala	1,200	3	0.28
Madhya Pradesh	18,000	10	3.71
Maharashtra	10,000	30	2.86
Manipur	150	-	0.03
Meghalaya	75	-	*
Mizoram	120	-	0.02
Nagaland	200	-	0.08
Orissa	10,000	1	1.40
Punjab	4,000	25	0.79
Rajasthan	1,500	1	*
Sikkim	200	1	0.07
Tamil Nadu	6,000	20	0.19
Tripura	50	-	0.01
Uttar Pradesh	11,000	50	3.44
West Bengal	8,000	2	0.99
Andaman and Nicobar	5	-	*
Chandigarh	10	-	*
Dadra and Nagar Haveli	3	-	*
Delhi	7	5	0.14
Pondicherry	5	-	*
KVIC and others	49,600	80	10.56
Total	1,80,000	250	34.22

* Utilisation certificates in respect of funds released up to the year 1994-95 are awaited.

** Next instalment of funds will be released on completion of 40% of allocated target and fulfilment of other conditions.

[English]

Power Grid Corporation

2852. SHRI I.D. SWAMI :
SHRI DINSHA PATEL :
SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL :
SHRI SANDIPAN THORAT :
DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEY :
SHRI SATYAJITSINH DULIPSINH GAEKWAD:
SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT :
SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO :
SHRI SHANTI LAL PARSOTAMDAS PATEL :
DR. VALLABHBHAI KATHIRIA :
SHRI RATILAL KALIDAS VERMA :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of the Government has